

## **Mackinac Bridge September Traffic Report**

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**October 24, 2002**

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 493,683 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of September. This represents a 1.3 percent increase when compared to the 487,396 crossings during September 2001. Fare revenue for the month was up 3.3 percent compared to last year, going from \$1,021,843 to \$1,055,364. Commercial traffic for the month of September was up 5.9 percent. Truck crossings were up 6.8 percent and bus crossings were down 5.6 percent.

Traffic for the first nine months of 2002 is running 1.0 percent ahead of last year's pace; 3,733,095 vehicles compared to 3,696,940 in 2001. Fare revenue in 2002 totals \$8,191,171 compared to \$8,127,716 last year, an increase of 0.8 percent. Commercial traffic for the first nine months of 2002 is down 1.7 percent over the same period of last year.

Mr. Sweeney reported that construction activity continues at the Mackinac Bridge. He asks that travelers drive with extreme caution during the construction season, slow down, be aware of our construction workers, and "Give 'em a Brake".